

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation was developed by parents, teachers, team managers, appraisers, regional directors, affiliate directors and volunteers who have the desire to help create the best possible creative problem solving program for teams of up to seven students; and,

Whereas, Olympics of the Mind began in South Dakota in 1981, becoming Odyssey of the Mind in 1984, and, in 1999, South Dakota adopted the new name of Destination ImagiNation; and,

Whereas, Students at the elementary, secondary and university level in South Dakota have learned creative and critical thinking; a deliberate creative problem solving method; teamwork, collaboration, and leadership skills; research and inquiry skills involving both creative exploration and attention to detail; enhanced and applied written, verbal, and presentation skills, both impromptu and sustained; used and developed varied strengths and talents; encouraged competence in, enthusiasm for, and commitment to real-life problem solving; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, approximately 165 teams from 50 communities/schools totaling 1,000 students participate, along with an additional 500 volunteer adults who make the program run smoothly for a year; and,

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation has benefited each student who has participated; allowed participants to appreciate their creative skills; developed new skills and confidence in students; and demonstrates the future of South Dakota is in capable hands of its young people; and,

Whereas, This is the 25th year of creative problem solving competition and tournaments in South Dakota:

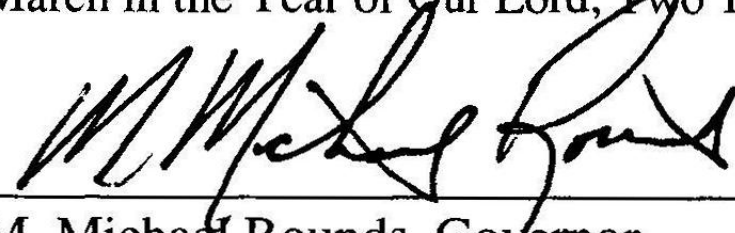
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1 – 8, 2006, as

Destination ImagiNation Week


in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to encourage today's youth and tomorrow's leaders to challenge themselves to reach their full potential.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State